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Ms. Elizabeth O'Donnell
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Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Enclosed herewith is an original and ten copies of a Motion for Expedited Approval of an interconnection agreement arrived at through voluntary negotiations between Big River Telephone Co., LLC and Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corp.

Please acknowledge receipt by returning a stamped copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
BETWEEN BALLARD RURAL TELEPHONE)
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC.) CASE NO. 2006-00 192
AND BIG RIVER TELEPHONE CO., LLC)
PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED APPROVAL

Pursuant to Section 252(e)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 252 (e)(1), Big River Telephone Co., LLC ("Big River"), through its undersigned counsel, hereby requests expedited approval of a negotiated interconnection agreement between Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Ballard") and Big River.

Big River is a utility within the meaning of KRS 278.010(3)(e) and is a competitive local exchange carrier authorized to provide service in Kentucky. Ballard is an incumbent local exchange carrier or ILEC.

Counsel for Ballard filed the referenced agreement with the Commission on April 21, 2006, noting the inapplicability of Section 252(e)(2) to this negotiated agreement and requesting that the Commission "approve the Agreement." See Exhibit A. By its terms the agreement is effective on approval by the Commission.

Upon inquiring about the status of the agreement, counsel for Big River learned that although staff has reviewed and approved the agreement, there has been no Commission order approving the agreement within the meaning of Section 252(e)(1) of the Act. Absent affirmative Commission action the agreement arguably becomes "approved" only by operation of federal law, after the 90 day period described in Section 252(e)(4) of the Act. However, Big River intends to operate using the agreement as soon as possible. Accordingly, Big River requests that the Commission issue an order approving the negotiated agreement. Such order will avoid any misunderstanding as to the effective date of the agreement.

WHEREFORE, Big River respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order on an expedited basis approving the agreement.

Respectfully Submitted:



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

It is hereby certified that this 15th day of May, 2006 I have served the within Motion for Expedited Approval on the following by email and by deposit in the U. S. Mail, first class.



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VIA U.S. MAIL

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COMMISSION

Re: *Interconnection Agreement between Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and Big River Telephone Company, LLC*

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Ballard"), on behalf of itself and Big River Telephone Company, LLC ("Big River") hereby submits for approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the "Commission") an original and four (4) copies of the enclosed CMRS Agreement dated February 24, 2006 (the "Agreement"). This Agreement was reached through voluntary negotiations without resort to mediation or arbitration and is submitted for approval pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act").

Sections 252(e)(2) of the Act directs that a state Commission may reject an agreement reached through voluntary negotiations only if the Commission finds that:

- (1) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
- (2) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

The Parties to the Agreement respectfully submit that the Agreement provides no basis for either of these findings and, thus, request that the Commission approve the Agreement. The Agreement does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carriers. The Agreement is

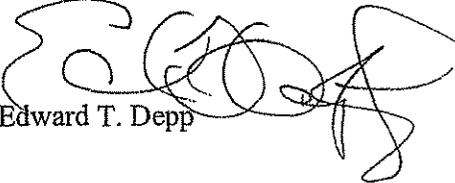
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also consistent with the public interest as identified in the pro-competitive policies of the Commission, the U.S. Congress, and the Federal Communications Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (502) 540-2300.

Sincerely,



Edward T. Depp

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